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THE WARD 2 WEEKLY

Councilman Cunningham's Community Cleanup

BY: Councilman Cunningham



Paul Cunningham,
Councilman, Ward 2

Spring has arrived in the Old Pueblo, and its time for some Ward 2 Spring cleaning!

As Tucsonans on the east side, we take pride in the community that we share. We can't help noticing litter on the side of the road, weeds growing in the medians and the graffiti the pops up on walls and buildings. Financially, the City remains in a tight spot, and the cleanup crews who have taken care of these problems in the past no longer have the resources to maintain service at the same level.

In times like these, it is upon us to come together and improve our situation. With that in mind, I am happy to announce the first ever Community Cleanup—a Ward-wide event to beau-

tify our eastside.

Individuals, community organizations, neighborhood associations, businesses, Ward 2 staff and the City of Tucson will all take part in a single day of community wide beautification. Roadside cleanup, median cleanup and landscaping and graffiti abatement will all be on the agenda. In one day, we will come together as a community and give our Ward 2 a facelift that it has needed for quite a while.

Details on the event and how to register will be included in the next newsletter. I can't wait to see all of you there with us. There is huge power in the willingness of people to donate their time to a cause. Our cause is our community, and we're all in it together.

Painted Hills Update: Anti-Tucson Legislation Passes the State House, Now Moves to Senate BY: BRANDON PATRICK

Many of you have been following the news regarding the State Legislature's ongoing attacks against our City and our right as Tucsonans to determine our own water policy.

Last week, we reported that the legislation which sought to undermine our municipal rights failed in a narrow bipartisan vote. This week, the legislative assault on our city was

renewed and successful. Reintroduced with backing from the majority party in Phoenix, the anti-Tucson legislation passed and has been scheduled to be heard in the Senate.

As Tucsonans, we stand at the frontline of a dangerous legal precedent—one that would allow Phoenix legislators to take away not just our own water rights, but those of other

cities and towns facing these same issues.

Few things are as important to a desert city as their ability to control their own water. This legislation undermines that right in every city and town in Arizona. It also subverts the rights of citizens who never voted to give the State Legislature this decision-making power.

This anti-Tucson legislation is bad for the Old Pueblo and bad for Arizona. We encourage all who receive our Ward 2 Weekly to call their State Senators and encourage them to strongly oppose this dangerous bill.

A list of local State Senators with contact info can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Spring Training Tickets On Sale at Kino Stadium By: Brandon Patrick



March has begun in the Old Pueblo and with its arrival comes the return of Spring Training to the City of Tucson!

A whole season of games is planned and tickets are already on sale! Major League teams like the L.A. Dodgers, the Chicago White Socks, the Colorado Rockies, the San Diego Padres and many more

will all descend on Tucson this month, giving us all another great opportunity to get outside and enjoy this beautiful time of year in the Old Pueblo.

Tickets range from \$6 to \$20, and games will be played throughout the month. Visit tucsonpadres.com to find out more and order your tickets! Play Ball!

Girl Scouts Celebrating 100th Year By: Maddy Bynes



Leadership, courage, and dedication are all qualities we admire in our community. Fortunately for Tucson, we have organization like the Girl Scouts of America – an organization dedicate to cultivating

these qualities at an early age. The Girl Scouts celebrate their one hundredth year on March 12, 2012 with a Centennial Sunrise Ceremony. The staff here at Ward 2 would like to say thank you to

all The Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona for their many decades of service to our great community.



Green Chamber Names New President By: Maddy Bynes

Congratulations to the Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce for their appointment of their new President, Rick Small. Rick has served the Tucson Community well and we are excited to see him take his place as the new

head of SAGCC. Since 1985, Rick Small has been a tireless advocate in our community. From his service on the Tanque Verde Education Enrichment Foundation Board his role as a Youth Educa-

cal Gardens, Rick has passionately invested his time and energy in Tucson's youth and environment. Congratulations Rick for a job well deserved!

Intern of The Month: Angel Martinez By: Brandon Patrick

For the March 9th edition of the Ward 2 Weekly, we are happy to introduce the people of Ward 2 to our intern of the Month, Angel Martinez.

Coming to us from PPEP-TEC High School right here on the East Side, Angel says that he chose to intern with Ward 2 because "I've had an

interest in politics for while now. It's a new experience for me, getting to learn about the office and politics at the local level."

Angel is a utility man here in the Ward 2 office, handling different issues at once, and is known for never turning a job down. This isn't all there is to Angel though.

In his free time, he likes to read, work on computers and maintains a deep interest in the world of technology.

The staff here at Ward 2 thanks Angel for his continued hard work. The entire Ward benefits from his sense of service and commitment to Tucson.

And The Winner Is....

SHRED-IT Event Returns April 23! By: Brandon Patrick

The Ward 2 office at Eastside City Hall continues to take calls regarding the scheduling of our next "Shred-It" document shredding event. We are happy to announce that another event now scheduled for April 23! Save your tax returns

and any other unwanted or sensitive documentation and tune in to the Ward 2 weekly for more details on this popular event. We look forward to helping you secure your identity and sensitive materiel with TWO SHREDDING TRUCKS in

April.

We will be asking all who bring more than one average sized box to also contribute a \$10 donation to the community food bank or its equivalent in canned goods.



Major League Soccer Highlights Tucson's Best! by: Brandon Patrick

The Games are played and the fan have gone home, leaving behind the 2012 Desert Diamond Cup!

The Desert Diamond Cup was a great series, hosting teams from all over the nation right here in

Tucson, and showcasing the best of the Old Pueblo to some of our national soccer Stars!

The Desert Diamond Cup will return, and we look forward to an even greater success next year! Thanks to all of the Play-

ers, Coaches, fans and the staff at Kino Sports contest for making this event a great success!





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LOCAL STATE SENATORS: CALL TO OPPOSE ANTI-TUCSON WATER ATTACK

Below is a list of State Senators from Southern Arizona. We strongly encourage you to call and email each, expressing your opposition to HB 2416 :

Sen. Paula Aboud (District 28):

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Sen. Olivia Cajero Bedford (District 27):

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Sen. Frank Antenori (District 30):

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Sen. Linda Lopez (District 29):

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